

Mayor Greg Fischer Joins NBA Legend Allan Houston to Launch New Louisville Collaboration

On Wednesday, February 24, 2016, NBA Legend Allan Houston will partner with Mayor Greg Fischer, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana, Metro Parks and Recreation, the Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods, EverFi, Inc., and special guests to launch the Allan Houston Mentoring Initiative, an ongoing mentoring program designed to pair positive role models with youth facing adversity throughout the city of Louisville.

Through this collaborative approach to youth development, the Allan Houston Mentoring Initiative will provide participants with structured activities and clinic-style basketball workshops twice a week, along with access to a digital African American History course.

“It’s exciting to be able to come home and launch the Allan Houston Mentoring Initiative. While growing up in Louisville, I was blessed to have impactful mentors, including my father, that guided me through life. This is why I am proud to be a part of the continuing effort being made by the city of Louisville and several local organizations to support and mentor our youth,” stated Allan Houston. The primary goal of the initiative is to provide the framework that will help more children achieve lifelong success.

About the Allan Houston Legacy Foundation

The Allan Houston Legacy Foundation (www.allanhouston.com) organized itself as a public 501(c)(3) in 2007 and currently operates year-round programming in fatherhood and entrepreneurship. Its mission is to facilitate individual and collective growth through initiatives that – 1) Restore a strong family unit, 2) Provide economic empowerment through entrepreneurship, 3) Encourage education and life skill development, and 4) Enhance spiritual growth.

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana

For more than 100 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. For over 45 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana has been providing Kentucky and Southern Indiana children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships that forever change their lives for the better. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana serves more than 1,000 children each year. www.bbbsky.org.

About Metro Parks and Recreation

Louisville Metro Parks and Recreation, a nationally accredited parks and recreation agency, manages 120 parks and six parkways on more than 13,000 acres of land, and operates recreation programs for all ages. Its mission is to create a City of Parks where people can play, learn, grow and be healthy. The mission is accomplished by taking care of all parks properties and creating new ones, by providing safe and diverse recreational programs, and by protecting our public lands and resources for future generations. www.metro-parks.org

About the Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods

The Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods was created to mold neighborhoods that support every citizen from prenatal – through – education – to – career. The office focuses energy and

resources on youth (ages 0-11), juveniles (12-17) and young adults (ages 18-30), as well as on those most impacted by homicides, suicides and overdoses.

<http://louisvilleky.gov/government/safe-neighborhoods>

About EverFi Inc.

EverFi, Inc. is the education technology innovator that empowers learners with the skills that prepare them to be successful in life. With backing from some of technology's most innovative leaders including Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos, Google Chairman Eric Schmidt, and Twitter founder Evan Williams, EverFi has built the most comprehensive critical skills platform focused on Financial Education, Digital Citizenship, Cyberbullying, STEM Readiness, Entrepreneurship, Alcohol Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness. The EverFi Education Network is powered by over 1,200 partner organizations across all 50 states and Canada and has certified over 12 million students. Learn more at www.everfi.com.

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